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The following information on Soviet troops in BRAILA (R 55/Z 13) and GALATI (R 55/Z 25) was secured:

1. BRAILA

a. Two-story building, about 65x65 feet, at 3 Poligon Street: Apparently occupied by a headquarters. A captain wearing a black-bordered cap, another captain wearing a red-bordered cap, soldiers wearing blue epaulets and                      were observed in front of the building. 25X1

b. Garage on Theater Street, corner of Poligon Street: Six trucks, three busses, two passenger cars and one jeep, driven by soldiers wearing black epaulets, were observed. 25X1  
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c. Three-story building at I.V. Stalin Street (formerly Calea Calarasilor): A signboard with the Russian and Rumanian inscription "Post Headquarters of Soviet Troops in BRAILA" was hung over the door. Gentries in front of the building wore black epaulets and carried submachine guns.

d. Barracks on the east side of Stalin Street (exit road to VIZIU - R 55/Y 90), south of a railroad crossing: Occupied by Soviet troops; gate guards wore black epaulets and carried submachine guns.\*

e. Barracks on the west side of Stalin Street, opposite the above barracks:

(1) Gate guards wore black epaulets. Eight trucks were seen: 25X1

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(2) A motor pool of eight trucks and three tank trucks bordered on the barracks to the west.

(3) About two hundred Studebaker trucks were blocked up in rows on a field near the barracks. The vehicles could not be approached because they were guarded.

f. Barracks southwest of the harbor basin and west of the railroad tracks: Occupied by a tank unit. About 20 troops wearing tank insignia on black epaulets were seen. An unusually small tank with five bogie wheels, front driving sprocket and a gun without muzzle brake was seen.

g. Streets of BRAILA: Soviet tank troops were seen.

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h. Fuel dump in a small woods on the western perimeter of the town, north of the exit road to BUZAU (7 45/Y 31): About 10 semi-underground fuel containers and about 40 fuel drums were seen. Guards wore black epaulets and were armed with submachine guns.\*

i. Artillery Barracks east of the main railroad station: Occupied by Rumanian troops. Soldiers wearing black and purple epaulets were seen.

## 2. GALATI

a. Former Rumanian military hospital on Dragan Street: Twenty guns (presumably AA guns) and ten trucks were parked there.

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c. FIELESTI (R 55/Y 25) railroad station: Two small Soviet tanks with five bogie wheels and front driving sprockets were seen there on 30 October 1949 and four similar tanks on 31 October 1949.

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\* Comment:

Believed to belong to one unit.

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